

**TESTIMONY**  
**OF**  
**THE UNITED ILLUMINATING COMPANY**

Regarding

**Raised Bill 5427**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PILOT  
PROGRAM**

and

**Raised Bill 224**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPACITY AND CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN  
RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES**

**Before the  
Energy & Technology Committee**

**Legislative Office Building  
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Good morning, Senator Doyle, Representative Reed and members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is Roddy Diotalevi and I am the Senior Director of Sales & Marketing for UIL Holdings Corporation (UIL), the corporate parent company of The United Illuminating Company (UI). I thank you for this opportunity to offer these comments in support of **Raised Bill 5427 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE SHARED CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY PILOT PROGRAM** and **Raised Bill 224 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPACITY AND CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES**.

**UI supports Connecticut's clean energy and climate goals and is committed to help the State meet them.** We welcome the opportunity to work with policy makers and others to be an enabler, not an impediment, in establishing a framework that meets evolving stakeholder expectations regarding the development of clean energy facilities while balancing cost and system impacts and UI believes that both raised bills accomplish that goal.

**Regarding the Shared Clean Energy raised bill, UI continues to support the establishment of a pilot program and the requirement of a competitive solicitation** by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") as sound approaches to control costs and minimize negative rate impacts to non-participating customers. UI believes that the modifications to the prior Shared Clean Energy pilot program, **including billing credits** issued through the electric distribution companies ("EDCs"), **tariff mechanisms** to purchase the energy products produced by the facilities, and the **EDCs recovery** of reasonable costs, are workable and endorsed by UI. Lastly, the requirement of a report to be filed at the end of the three year pilot program will allow all stakeholders **to fully analyze the costs and benefits** associated with

the Shared Clean Energy pilot. This analysis, using the data collected specific to the Connecticut program, will determine whether a permanent program should be established.

**UI also supports Raised Bill 224 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPACITY AND CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES** as a means to maximize the production of larger scale, in-state renewable technologies. Back in 2011, I provided testimony in support of **Raised Bill No. 6459 - AN ACT CONCERNING RENEWABLE RESOURCE GENERATION** which was ultimately adopted by this Committee. Since that time, UI has taken a leadership role in constructing, owning, and operating in-state renewable generation facilities. With the appropriate PURA involvement and regulatory oversight, this has proven to be one of the quickest and most efficient methods for larger scale deployment of renewable generation as evidenced by UI's solar PV project on the Seaside Park landfill in Bridgeport, fuel cell projects in New Haven and Bridgeport, and a microgrid project in Woodbridge. If not for this legislation and UI's subsequent implementation, successful projects such as these would never have occurred.

In closing, Raised Bill 224 will create an additional and very cost effective channel for the development of renewable resource generation in the State. It creates a more prominent role for UI in the deployment of renewable resources while minimizing the rate impact on customers through competitive solicitations and a cost of service recovery mechanism.

I thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments in support of Raised Bill 5427 – An Act Concerning the Shared Clean Energy Facility Pilot Program and Raised Bill 224 – An Act Concerning the Capacity and Criteria for Certain Renewable Energy Generation Facilities. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.